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1. HERewith EXCERPT OF TEXT BY THOMAS B. EDSALL, BYLINER
IN BALTIMORE SUN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, HEADED "VANCE
INDICATED AS MAJOR CARTER APPOINTMENT."

2. PLAINS, GA. -- A SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER
YESTERDAY STRONGLY INDICATED THAT CYRUS R. VANCE, A LEADING
FIGURE IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION, IS UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR A MAJOR APPOINTMENT, POSSIBLY SECRETARY OF STATE OR
DEFENSE.

3. AT AN AFTERNOON BRIEFING OF THE PRESS, JODY POWELL,
MR. CARTER'S PRESS SECRETARY, DISCLOSED THAT MR. VANCE,
A FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MET WITH MR. CARTER
TUESDAY NIGHT, SPENT THE NIGHT AT MR. CARTER'S HOME HERE
AND ATTENDED TWO MEETINGS HELD YESTERDAY ON EXECUTIVE
REORGANIZATION AND ECONOMIC POLICY.

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4. MR. POWELL REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON WHETHER MR. VANCE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR A CABINET POSITION, BUT HE POINTEDLY DETAILED THE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS MR. VANCE HAS HAD IN THE PAST TWO DAYS WITH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND TOLD REPORTERS, "YOU ARE PROBABLY IN AS GOOD A POSITION TO" SPECULATE "AS I AM." ROBINSON

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